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SUBJECT: INCHING TOWARD CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT

REF: A) OUWGA 2564 B) OUAGA 2381

1. THE SUPREME COURT OF UPPER VOLTA ON JUNE 13 FOUND THAT  
"NO GRAVE ERRORS HAD BEEN COMMITTED OF A NATURE TO VITIATE THE  
ELECTORAL PROCESS" AND CONFIRMED GENERAL SANGOULE LAMIZANA AS  
PRESIDENT OF THE THIRD REPUBLIC.

2. LATER THAT DAY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, STILL WITHOUT THE 28  
DEPUTIES FORMING THE "FRONT UNI DE L'OPPOSITION" MET TO HEAR  
THE SUPREME COURT'S PROCLAMATION AND TO FIX A DATE  
--JUNE 15-- FOR THE FORMATION OF THE THREE PERMANENT  
COMMITTEES CALLED FOR BY THE CONSTITUTION (GENERAL AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND  
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SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS. OPPOSITION DEPUTES CONTINUE  
TO BOYCOTT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE  
SUPREME COURT MUST ALSO RULE ON THE DEFINITION OF "ABSOLUTE  
MAJORITY" (REF A). NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GERARD KANGO  
OUEDRAOGO HAS STATED THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS FACED WITH ANY PROBLEM REQUIRING A RULING  
BY THE SUPREME COURT.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA MET WITH POLITICAL  
LEADERS OF ALL SIDES TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT IMPASSE. LAMIZANA  
URGED EACH TO SEEK A COMMON GROUND OF UNDERSTANDING TO PERMIT  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS.  
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